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Election day: key state races

	Party Affiliation	Race	Campaign Theme	Latest Polling Numbers
Sam Brownback	Republican	Governor	Economy and taxes	42.6%
Paul Davis	Democrat	Governor	Education	44.6%
PAT ROBERTS	Republican	U.S. Senate	Cut government spending	42.6%
GREG ORMAN	Independent	U.S. Senate	Job creation	43.4%
Tim Huelskamp	Republican	U.S. House of Representatives	Domestic energy production	No reliable polling data
Jim Sherow	Democrat	U.S. House of Representatives	Unification	No reliable polling data

Additional election races

A number of other races will be voted on today. (Incumbents listed

Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer (R) v. Jill Docking (D)

Attorney General

Derek Schmidt (R) v. A.J. Kotich

Secretary of State

Kris Kobach (R) v. Jean Schodorf

County Commissioner District 1 David L. Guthals (R) v. Ben Wilson

In addition, several candidates are running for Riley County Township Clerk and Precinct Committee.

Voting Locations

Manhattan voters have a specific location to vote, based on their precinct. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Manhattan Public Library – 629 Poyntz Ave.:

Ward Precincts: 1-1, 4-2

First Lutheran Church - 930 Poyntz Ave.: Ward Precincts 2-1, 3-2

Riley County Senior Center - 301 N. Fourth St.: Ward Precinct 2-2

Vineyard Community Church -

2400 Casement Road: Ward Precinct 2-3

Blue Valley Methodist Church – 835 Church Ave.: Ward Precincts: 2-4, 8-1, 8-2

Denison Fire Station – 2000 Denison Ave.: Ward Precinct: 3-3 KSU Foundation – 2323 Anderson Ave.:

Ward Precinct: 4-3 Living Word Church – 2711 Amherst Ave.:

Ward Precincts: 4-4, 4-6 Westview Community Church -

615 Gillespie Drive: Ward Precincts: 4-5, 4-7, 6-1 Manhattan Arts Center - 1520 Poyntz Ave.: Ward Precinct: 5-2 Trinity Presbyterian Church – 1110 College Ave.:

Ward Precinct: 5-3 College Avenue United Methodist -

1609 College Ave.:

Ward Precinct: 5-5

Grace Baptist Church – 2901 Dickens Ave.: Ward Precinct: 5-6

University Christian Church – 2800 Claffin Road: Ward Precincts: 5-7, 5-8

Pottorf Hall (CICO) – 1710 Avery Ave.: Ward Precinct: 5-9

First Assembly of God Church -

2310 Candlewood Drive: Ward Precincts: 5-10, 10-1, 9-3

St. Thomas More Church – 2900 Kimball Ave.: Ward Precinct: 5-11

Faith Evangelical Free Church -

1921 Barnes Road: Ward Precinct: 8-3

Via Chrisi Village -

2800 Willow Grove Road: Ward Precincts: 9-1, 9-2

Highland Ridge Club House – 509 Stone Drive: Ward Precincts: 11-1, 11-3, 11-1B

compiled by Kelsey Kendall

I-70 accident sends woman to hospital

Two vehicles were involved in an accident on westbound I-70 8 1/2 miles out of Manhattan this weekend.

According to the Little Apple Post, Tosan Ehiguese of Manhattan lost control of the car and hit an SUV driven by Elizabeth Dodd of Manhattan on Sunday at 12:28 p.m. Both vehicles ended in the ditch, and Ehiguese's car was overturned.

Dodd was taken to Mercy Regional Hospital, according to the Little Apple Post.

K-State Police asks for help in finding suspect

Last Thursday, a wallet was stolen from the Natatorium's men's locker

According to the Little Apple Post, credit cards that were in the wallet have been used around Manhattan and the police have caught surveillance photos of the suspects. One is an older white male with brown and gray hair, wearing a red and black jacket and sweat pants. The second is either white or Hispanic male with dark hair and glasses. The third suspect is a white or Hispanic female with dark hair and is wearing a K-State hoodie.

The police department requests any information regarding the investigation be reported at 785-532-6412.

New Student Ambassadors selected

According to K-State Today, Nathan Laudan, senior in food science and agricultural communications, and Katie VanDever, sophomore in communication studies, have been selected to represent K-State as its next student ambassadors.

"To have the opportunity to represent the K-State student body in this capacity is a huge honor," Laudan said

As student ambassadors, Laudan and VanDever participate in a variety of activities such as visiting prospective students and alumni, assisting in programs on campus, attending Student Alumni Board meetings and events, as well as assist the president's

In return, the ambassadors each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, K-State clothing and an official K-State ring.

The student ambassadors were announced at homecoming from six candidates. Students voted during homecoming week.

"I couldn't ask for a better university and family to represent and be proud to call my own," Laudan said via

VanDever did not immediately respond for comments.

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Students share who

they'd swap bodies



K-State women's

basketball team wins

season opener 50-49

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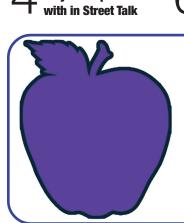
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THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Monday, Nov. 3

Eugenio Damian Donato, of the 700 block of Cody Place, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,250.

11-4 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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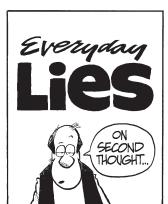
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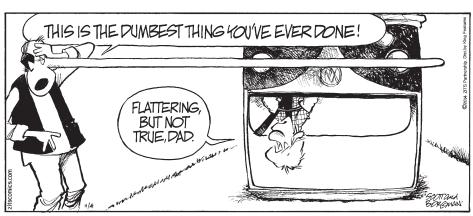
Due to a Collegian error, the article on page 5 of the Nov. 3 edition listed an incorrect amount of championships won by the meats judging team. They won a total of seven national championships and 11 reserve national championships.

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This campus has some of the nicest buildings I will never step foot in.

All the discounted Halloween candy. All of it!

Basketball season is finally here!

By Dave Green

It's November already? What happened to October?

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Rain, I don't mind; Shine, the weather's fine

Hannah Hunsinger | the Collegian

The sky lights up behind Anderson Hall as the sun sets during a rain shower on Monday evening.

Fear of voting is normal, knowledge is the way to conquer it

By Cameron McLaughlin THE COLLEGIAN

The overall process and transition of entering college for the first time can feel both dramatic and exciting. Students undergo many changes and by default, experience many "first" moments, including being eligible to vote.

For many students at Kansas State University, the upcoming elections – which close today – will be the first time they can vote. This new ability encourages students to become fully engaged citizens in the issues at stake and allows them an opportunity to truly make a difference.

Some, however, believe the amount of students that will participate in the elections will be mediocre at best – like Erin Woods, sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communications.

Low student turnout

Woods who worked as Gov. Sam Brownback's 1st District field director in his reelection campaign this year, is worried that students are not showing enough interest in

participating in the elections.

"If I had to guesstimate the amount of students I think will vote, I would say less than 30 percent," Woods said.

Woods' prediction stems from her time running an election booth in the K-State Student Union. She said students who did show an interest in the elections were hard to come by and other students seemed to be at a total loss about the elections in general.

Trenton Kennedy, freshman in political science and business management, agreed with Woods that students are either very interested or not interested at all in the campaigns.

"From what I've seen, it's either one extreme or the other," Kennedy said. "You either care about it and you're really invested in it or you think it doesn't really matter.'

Kennedy was able to draw this conclusion after also working an election booth in the Union. As the campus coordinator for Sen. Pat Roberts, Kennedy has the opportunity to hear firsthand the issues students feel to be extremely important for these particular elections.

Students' concerns

Woods and Kennedy said social education and agriculture seem to be the top concerns of students for this particular election.

"A big thing is education and you see that a lot in the governor's race," Kennedy

Kennedy said education is a concern for students because it directly affects them. He also said agriculture is a heavy concern, especially in this area, because many Kansas students were raised with or are familiar with agriculture.

Fear of voting

Despite these being big concerns of students, Kennedy and Woods alike still said they feel students will neglect their voting rights. Part of this reason, according to Kennedy, stems from a sense of fear among young voters.

"I think kids our age are scared to vote because they just don't know what the process is and they don't know the candidates as well as they would want to," Kennedy

Daniel Vogt, junior in construction science and management, said he doesn't like to vote for the exact reasons that Kennedy pointed out.

"As a student that's really busy with my school work and obligations, I don't feel like I have enough knowledge about the elections to make an educated vote," Vogt said.

Research candidates

Eleanor Dickens, junior in anthropology, political science and international studies, said students should dig deeper by researching the candidates and their policies in order to make an informed decision.

"My advice to voters would be to not listen to the political ads that you see and to make your own opinion based on the raw facts that you can find," Dickens said.

"Both parties will portray things about themselves and their opponents that might be an exaggeration of the truth."

According to Woods, students should do more research about current policies and issues to ensure that they are voting correctly.

"If people aren't doing appropriate research then they might not be able to pick the candidate that is best in line with their views," Woods said.

Knowledge is answer

Dickens advises students, much like Vogt, to try their best to make time to gain knowledge about the elections and the candidates in order to fix this problem.

"Even though this time in our life is one of the busiest,

and in a lot of ways the most confusing, I just encourage everyone to try to set some time aside to learn more and understand the importance of voting," Dickens said.

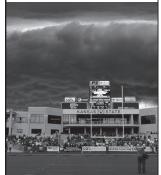
Dickens, along with Kennedy and Woods, all agree that voting is an essential tool that students must start learning to utilize better. To see an impact in policies, such as those of education and agriculture, students must take a stand for what they believe in order to better the world for tomorrow.

"Use your resources – go online and look at voting records," Kennedy said. "Read biographies and seek out the answers yourself. We are the generation that has the most potential to impact a large group of people.'

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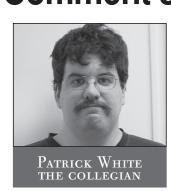
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Comment section is a useless, over-glorified peanut gallery



The comment section on Internet articles is the most useless part of the Internet. While those of us may joke about the terrible things that happen in the deep dark corners of the Internet, the comment section sits right out in the open and winks at everyone.

Often when talking about the place where sanity and civility goes to die, I think of Godwin's Law. It's a theory about how comment sections work. According to the Oxford Dictionary, it states that as a comment section gets longer, the more likely that someone or something is going to be compared to Hitler, no matter what the original topic was. It is the epitome of the Internet: anonymous users will say anything.

During an interview with the Washington Post in September, Mike Godwin (the namesake of Godwin's Law) said that with the unprecedented power given to users in the Internet age, everyone is a publisher. He spoke on how people unfamiliar with the Internet essentially etch their words in stone

"The traditional media have a more refined awareness of the lack of control over their content once it's out there," said Godwin, while being interviewed after sitting on a congressional panel about the right to be forgotten. "But for people who weren't in professional journalism, they haven't had to grapple with it."

In the short run, it's just one more tech guru saying "be careful what you post online, kids." People thinking about what they say online

could potentially do some good for the Internet and more importantly, us users. Comment sections deride the world all over. For everyone that says the comment section provides a crucial medium for free speech, I'm willing to bet more are going to swear that it's useless.

Nick Denton, founder of Gawker Media, said that the notion the Internet brought with it the interactive aspect between writer and reader doesn't work at all.

"The idea of capturing the intelligence of the readership, that's a joke," said Denton speaking to CNN at South By Southwest Interactive. "I don't like going into the comments. For every two that are interesting, and even if they are critical you want to engage with them, there will be eight that are off-topic or just toxic."

Articles like "Comment Sections are Poison" from The Guardian point out the real crux of the argument. These portals for the proliferation and pontificating of phony logic and phantasmagorical insights still exist. Since they don't work and don't promote good arguments, there isn't a real reason to keep them.

I also really chuckle at the suggestions that comment sections can be useful if just properly moderated. It's not my place to be out job-killing but who would want the job of having to dig through the filth?

And I find people self-reporting as useful as it is in online games. For instance, I love how in Halo, if you leave a match because your teammates enjoy the practice of team-killing you, they can report you for being unsporting. See, you have to stick around long enough for the game to think it's uncool for it to give you the option to kick the offending party from the game. Lots of comment sections allow other people to flag or downvote offensive comments, but they don't disappear completely.

As for the rest of the Internet, with the ability to create free profiles, there is nothing to stop people from signing up again, especially if they are inclined to troll because now they

know people get upset. That gives them targets. There is no common decency. Or do I need to remind people about how trolls targeted Robin Williams' family after his passing? Or the ongoing Internet disaster GamerGate?

It's not like this will deprive anyone of a means of commenting on stories online. In the old days we had the letter to the editor; now we just have email. What we are depriving people of the ability to have a front row seat in ruining someone's day and everyone else from having to see what the curious cat dragged in from the depths of the Internet.

The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of The Collegian.

Patrick White is a senior in mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.

Letter to the editor

It was late Monday night when my 18-year-old daughter, Taylor, called me from Manhattan. I couldn't understand her through her tears. This was a call I would never want a parent to ever endure. I couldn't hold her, comfort her or give her an answer.

At first I thought she had been hurt in a car accident. For my daughter, the pain was deeper than a physical wound. Her life had been turned upside down by a panel of individuals who valued neither her sport nor her

Taylor is a recruited NCAA athlete from Las Vegas, Nevada. Her goal was to attend a university that had a solid animal science and pre-vet program, and to ride for an NCAA

Equestrian is not a sport that you can throw a sports bag into your trunk after a game. I know firsthand what it takes to compete in this organization. Any child who chooses to compete in equestrian events benefits from lessons learned in any sport, but add the multiplier of caring for, cleaning up after, training and controlling a 1,400-pound animal on a daily basis and the lessons are tenfold. One cannot throw a horse in the closet after a

competition and go out and eat with the team. There are just as many hours of post-event activities in caring for your teammate as there are pre-event activities. From the pre-dawn warmups, midnight practices and everything in between, the dedication and responsibilities do not end when the score is posted.

I would like to remind K-State that their equestrian team is ranked #2 nationally! The equestrian team only receives a few scholarships to be divided amongst the entire team, unlike the male sports that receive significant amounts of scholarships to pay their out-ofstate (tuition). The GPAs and volunteer hours that the equestrian team girls put in far surpass that of their peers. Is K-State rewarding NCAA students with full scholarships for ticket sales? That's how it appears.

We chose K-State because of the "family" motto. I have never felt so disgusted with a group of people who have never stepped foot out to support their team. My daughter is K-State ... your family. Save the equestrian team ... do what's right.

Sherri Serrano

From the president's desk



Dear fellow K-Staters,

Happy Election Day! It is essential that we get out today and make our voices heard. We have no room to complain about our leadership on Facebook or Twitter if we don't exercise our right to vote. The individuals that we elect today will lead our country and state for two to four years, and will make decisions that personally affect you every day. So make sure to cast an informed vote.

In order to make this process easy and convenient for you, the Student Governing Association and the Office of the President have teamed up to provide shuttle buses to polling locations across town today. We'll have an information booth in the K-State Student Union so you can find out where your polling location is and where to catch a shuttle. Buses will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For one of our platform initiatives, Your Education, we wanted to streamline tutoring services at K-State. Since we've taken office, K-State has launched its first ever website strictly for tutoring: k-state.edu/ tutoring. Right now, around 1,300 students use scheduled tutoring services and another 1,600 attend walk-in sessions each semester. We're currently working with K-State Global Campus to develop our university's first online tutoring

service

Finally, I'm happy to say that our residence halls will reopen early after Thanksgiving break to allow students to come back and support our football team. This has been made possible by SGA, K-State Athletics, Housing and Dining Services, as well as personal donations from Bill Snyder and John Currie. Show your gratitude by coming out on Saturday, Nov. 29 to watch K-State take down the Jayhawks in a Senior Day Sunflower Showdown.

Have a great week, and, as always, go Cats!

Sincerely,

Reagan Kays student body president

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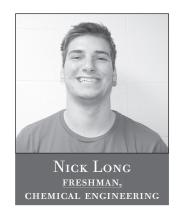
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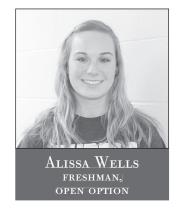
Street Talk

Q: "If you could wake up tomorrow in the body of someone else, who would you pick and what would you do?





"I would be Rob Dyrdek. I would mess around in the fantasy factory and host a show of 'Ridiculousness' and 'Fantasy Factory."



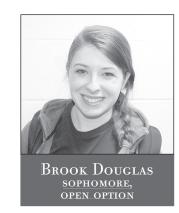
"I would be Miley Cyrus, because I would want to change her back in to her old self and use my popularity for the good and not the bad."



"I would be Jase Robertson so I could truly get the experience of the fullness of a real man's beard while shooting ducks.'



"I would be Abraham Lincoln and give the Gettysburg Address. I also would free all of the slaves and spend a day hanging out in the White House wearing his top hat."



"I would have to say Leonardo Da Vinci, because I would just love to just know and understand what he did in his life.'

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Students share opinions on why voting matters, who to vote for

By Kaleigh Lorenz THE COLLEGIAN

It is that time of year again. You can't drive down the street without seeing the signs, or turn on the radio without hearing the commer-

It is time for elections. Living in a college town, it can be easy to forget that other things are happening outside of Manhattan. According to the Center for Information and

Research on Civic Learning

and Engagement, only 20.5 percent of the eligible Kansas voters ages 18-29 voted in the 2010 midterm elections.

Joe Tinker, junior in psychology has been a registered voter in the state of Kansas for a little over two years.

"I registered to vote because it is crucial that we are all active participants in our local and national government," Tinker said. "It is important we choose qualified and trustworthy individuals to represent us."

Although some of the issues being voted on may not directly affect the students in our community, Jessica Van Ranken, sophomore in political science and business, said she finds it important that voters of all ages cast their vote.

"Voting at any age is incredibly important because any issue that doesn't directly affect me surely affects someone who deserves to be represented," Van Ranken said.

Many students register themselves to vote for different reasons. Some choose to simply because it is considered a perk of turning 18. Others, such as Carl Bowden, senior in

wildlife conservation biology, want their opinion to matter.

"I registered myself to vote because I know that every voice matters," Bowden said. "Being an active voter gives you the right to state your opinion and have a voice in our government."

But political advertising can make it hard to tell who the better candidate actually is.

'While it is very easy to get pulled into the sleazy 'he said, she said' games, I try to look past the public stunts and critically analyze each candidate using firsthand and unbiased accounts of their character and political ideologies," Tinker said.

A major part of becoming a registered voter is developing your own political opinions. Though these can be touchy subjects, students should be exploring and developing their viewpoints now.

"I like to look at how candidates have voted in the past on issues about which I care, and stay updated on their plans to serve citizens if elected." Van Ranken said. "I try to read the news from a variety of sources so I'm not overly swayed by the bias of one

Although politics may not be the most interesting topic to every college student, it can be beneficial to learn about the people who will be representing and making decisions for

"Educating ourselves on critical issues and voting are two simple yet powerful ways to engage in public decision making," Tinker said. "By becoming socially conscious citizens, we can affect real change and create a better society for years to come."

BRIEFS | Fire damages east-side home; south campus to experience phone outages

Local fire costs \$20,000 in losses

Last Saturday at 8:37 a.m., the Manhattan Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming out of a house on Frey Drive, according to KMAN 1350.

The fire department located the source of the fire and cleared the scene at approximately 11:50 a.m. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, though the investigation is ongoing. It is believed to be accidental.

Total losses are estimated to be \$20,000: \$10,000 in structural damage and \$10,000 in damage to con-

Several campus buildings need phone repairs

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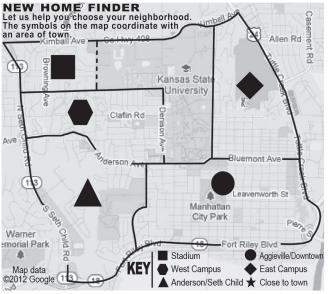
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Women's basketball squeaks by Emporia State

By Grant Flanders the collegian

A lthough it was an exhibition game and the opening game for K-State women's coach Jeff Mittie, his team had a regular-season-game kind of finish Monday night.

Facing a 50-49 deficit with 23 seconds left, forward Breanna Lewis sunk a free throw after a layup and foul, giving K-State the lead for good. The sophomore led all scorers with 14 points and eight rebounds in the 54-50 exhibition victory over Emporia State.

Offense was tough to come by as neither team built a lead greater than four points throughout the contest. In the first half, K-State shot just 9-for-29 (31 percent) from the field while Emporia State went into the break at just a 7-for-34 (21 percent) mark.

"At the beginning of the game I felt a little bit of frustration from missing a few early shots," Lewis said of her individual struggles. "I just tried to clear my head as the game went on and start over each time and started playing better towards the end."

Mittie was vocal in his disappointment toward the offensive numbers, pin-pointing issues with field goal percentage and free throws.

The Wildcats shot just 14-30 (46.7 percent) from the free throw line, including a 2-for-10 performance in the first half

"We struggled all night offensively," Mittie said. "We had some easy plays that we just could not make, but we will take it. We will take a look at the film and get better tomorrow."

Emporia State was led by freshman guard Addie Lackey who went 6-for-13 from the field, scoring 17 points. The Lady Hornets also finished with 14 assists to K-State's five total as well as out-rebounding Mittie's squad 45-37.

"You have two sophomores and a freshman up here on the stage with me," Mittie siad. "We have got some youth that we have to fight through, but they had a good look to them. Emporia did some really good stuff to us, which is really good for us to have to battle through."

The Lady Hornets' looked to give the final punch with 3-pointers from Lackey and guard Kyrstie Miller, but the Wildcats persevered with key rebounding in the final minutes of the game.

Down the final stretch, veteran backcourt leadership guided the win as sophomore guard Kindred Wesemann and senior guard Haley Texada orchestrated the offense in the final 30 seconds.

"Offensively, I thought we got frustrated and that af-

fected our energy on the defensive end," Mittie said. "I thought our leadership from Texada and Wesemann was good at the end of the game."

With nine seconds left, starting freshman guard and Salina, Kansas native Shaelyn Martin helped ice the game with two crucial free throws.

"I thought she earned it," Mittie said of awarding Martin with the start. "She comes in every day and works hard and has looked really good in our scrimmages."

Martin said nerves and comfort were not an issue as she stepped to the free-throw line to seal the victory for the Wildcats.

"I actually felt pretty secure," Martin said. "I have developed a great bond with my teammates. I did not feel like I had any pressure. We know how to take care of one another as a team and the older girls led me through it till the end."



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K-State sophomore center forward **Breanna Lewis** goes for a basket against Emporia State at Bramlage Coliseum on Monday.

Big 12 men's basketball predictions

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Predicted Standings

- 1. Iowa State 2. Kansas 3. Texas 4. K-State
- 5. Oklahoma6. Baylor7. West Virginia
- 8. Oklahoma State 9. TCU 10. Texas Tech

Big 12 MVP

Junior forward Georges Niang Iowa State

With the Cyclones losing two of their top players from a year ago, Georges Niang is in prime position to push his team to the next level. Niang scored in double-digits 29 times last season, going on to average 16.7 points per game.

The junior will have help from senior transfer Bryce Dejean-Jones and already has experience in beating Kansas – the other top team.

Big 12 Defensive MVP

Junior center Cameron Ridley Texas

Cameron Ridley may be the best shot blocker in the league and he is coming into the season with a team with tremendous upside with their top four scorers returning. He averaged 8.2 rebounds per game and returns as the top shot-blocker in the league with 2.2 blocks per game.

Big 12 Coach of the Year

Fred Hoiberg Iowa State

Fred Hoiberg and the 2014-15 Cyclones come into the season having the best chance to perform well in the conference. By retaining Niang and bringing in Dejean-Jones, who will add a lethal scoring touch to the lineup, Hoiberg is poised to take his Cyclones into the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight time.

Bold Prediction

Texas is last Big 12 team remaining in NCAA Tournament

Texas makes the leap and overcomes adversity late in the season. Although they won't win the conference, they will rely on its youth and deep bench to defy odds in the Big Dance. The Longhorns have their top five scorers returning and the capability to be very dangerous.

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